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AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims of the application as follows.

1. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly comprising an inner box and ~~[[an]]~~ a first inner box holder, the inner box having a bottom wall and at least one closed sidewall, such that it is at least partly fillable with water, the first inner box holder having at least one sidewall and an open lower side and upper side, the inner box being ~~provided with means with the aid of which the inner box is detachably~~ connectible with the inner box holder.

2. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, the assembly being provided with a second inner box holder, wherein the inner box is placed in the second inner box holder, wherein the second inner box holder is subsequently pulled up alongside the inner box, wherein the assembly thus formed is placed on the first inner box holder, such that the second inner box holder rests on an upper side of the first inner box holder wherein the inner box holder and the inner box are designed such that onto an assembly of an inner box holder and an inner box, a second inner box holder is placeable in inverted position, the downwardly directed upper side of the second inner box holder engaging an upper side of the inner box, or the upper side of the first inner box holder.

3. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the first inner box holder is designed such that onto the second inner box holder a third inner box holder is placeable with the upper side directed upwards, such that, in turn, an inner box is receivable therein differs from the second inner box holder.

4. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the sidewalls of the inner box holders ~~viewed from the bottom,~~

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taper slightly towards each other ~~in the direction of the upper side,~~
such that the inner box holders are nestable within each other.

5. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1,
wherein the at least one sidewall of the inner boxes, viewed from an
upper side in the direction of the bottom wall, tapers slightly
~~towards each other in the direction of the bottom wall~~, such that the
inner boxes are nestable within each other.

6. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 1,
wherein in the at least one sidewall of the inner box holders, at
least one light passage opening is included.

7-11. (Canceled)

12. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim
1, wherein the lower edge of the inner box holder is designed such
that two inner box holders placed onto each other by their lower edges
form a stable stacking.

13-14. (Canceled)

15. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according claim 12,
wherein the lower edge of each inner box holder is provided with at
least one toothed provision to stack the inner box holders onto each
other by the lower edges in a stable manner.

16. (Canceled)

17. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim
1, wherein the inner box is detachably connectible with the inner box
holder when the inner box holder is in a first position, and the inner

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box is also detachably connectible with the inner box holder when the inner box holder is in an inverted, second position.

18. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 17, wherein the inner box in said first position of the inner box holder extends substantially within the inner box holder, and the inner box in said second position of the inner box holder extends substantially under it.

19. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 17, wherein the assembly is provided with engagement means which are arranged to couple the inner box holder in said second position to the inner box with a particular engaging force, which engaging force is greater than the weight of the inner box holder.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 2, wherein the sidewalls of the inner box holders viewed from the bottom, taper slightly towards each other in the direction of the upper side, such that the inner box holders are nestable within each other.

22. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 3, wherein the sidewalls of the inner box holders viewed from the bottom, taper slightly towards each other in the direction of the upper side, such that the inner box holders are nestable within each other.

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23. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 91, wherein:

the inner box is connectible with the inner box holder with at least one circumferential wall extending at least in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder;

the projection includes a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction; and

wherein the projection engages a first recess in an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder.

24. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 4, wherein:

the sidewalls of the inner boxes, viewed from an upper side, taper slightly towards each other in the direction of the bottom wall, such that the inner boxes are nestable within each other;

in the at least one sidewall of the inner box holders, at least one light passage opening is included;

the means with the aid of which the inner box is connectible with the inner box holder comprise at least one circumferential wall

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extending at least in horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder.

25. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 71, wherein:

the inner box is connectible with the inner box holder with at least one circumferential wall extending at least in a horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder;

the projection comprises a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction;

the projection engages a first recess in an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder;

the first recess in the upper edge of the inner box holder also extends throughout the circumference of the inner box holder;

the circumferential wall is provided with at least one second projection which extends in upward direction from the circumferential

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wall and which is situated opposite the first projection and whose configuration is such that it is receivable in said first recess of a second inner box holder placed in inverted position onto the assembly of an inner box and an inner box holder;

the lower edge of the inner box holder is designed such that two inner box holders placed onto each other by their lower edges form a stable stacking.

26. (Previously Presented) A flower box assembly according to claim 12, wherein:

the lower edge is defined by two substantially parallel extending inner box holder sidewall parts, more particularly an inner wall part and an outer wall part, while over a first part of the circumference of the inner box holder the inner wall part projects further down than the outer wall part, and over a second part of the circumference the outer wall part projects further down than the inner wall part;

the first part and the second part of the circumference are complementary, such that, with two inner box holders placed onto each other by the lower edges, the first circumference part of the first inner box holder abuts against the second circumference part of the second inner box holder;

the lower edge of each inner box holder is provided with at least one toothed provision to stack the inner box holders onto each other by the lower edges in a stable manner;

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the inner box and the inner box holders have a substantially rectangular cross section.

27. (Currently Amended) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein:

the inner box is detachably connectible with the inner box holder when the inner box holder is in a first position, and the inner box is also detachably connectible with the inner box holder when the inner box holder is in an inverted, second position;

the inner box in said first position of the inner box holder extends substantially within the inner box holder, and the inner box in said second position of the inner box holder extends substantially under it;

the assembly is provided with engagement means which are arranged to couple the inner box holder in said second position to the inner box with a particular engaging force, which engaging force is greater than the weight of the inner box holder;

wherein at least two different inner box holders and/or inner boxes with different heights are provided, and wherein the different inner box holders are preferably provided with identical upper sides and identical lower sides, the different inner boxes being preferably provided with identical upper sides and identical lower sides; and

wherein the inner box and the inner box holders have a substantially rectangular cross section.

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28. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein:
the inner box is placeable in the first inner box holder; and
the inner box is detachably connectible with the first inner box holder with a circumferential projection which engages an edge of the first inner box holder.
29. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 2, wherein:
the inner box is placeable in the second inner box holder; and
the inner box is detachably connectible with the second inner box holder with a circumferential projection which engages an edge of the second inner box holder.
30. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the assembly is provided with a second inner box holder, which is placeable on an upper side of the inner box, or on the upper side of the first inner box holder, wherein a first inner box holder is placeable on the second inner box holder.
31. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the means with the aid of which the inner box is connectible with the inner box holder comprise at least one circumferential wall extending at least in horizontal direction, which is connected with the inner box adjacent an upper edge of the at least one sidewall of the inner box, which circumferential wall is provided with at least one first projection which engages an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder.
32. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 31, wherein the projection comprises a wall part extending throughout the circumference of the inner box, from the circumferential wall in downward direction.

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33. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 31, wherein the projection engages a first recess in an upper edge adjacent the upper side of the inner box holder.

34. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 32, wherein the first recess in the upper edge of the inner box holder also extends throughout the circumference of the inner box holder.

35. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 33, wherein the circumferential wall is provided with at least one second projection which extends in upward direction from the circumferential wall and which is situated opposite the first projection and whose configuration is such that it is receivable in said first recess of a second inner box holder placed in inverted position onto the assembly of an inner box and an inner box holder.

36. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 12, wherein the lower edge of the inner box holder is defined by two substantially parallel extending inner box holder sidewall parts, more particularly an inner wall part and an outer wall part, while over a first part of the circumference of the inner box holder the inner wall part projects further down than the outer wall part, and over a second part of the circumference the outer wall part projects further down than the inner wall part.

37. (New) A flower box assembly according to claim 36, wherein the first part and the second part of the circumference are complementary, such that, with two inner box holders placed onto each other by the lower edges, the first circumference part of the first inner box holder abuts against the second circumference part of the second inner box holder.

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38. (New) A Method for handling a flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein an inner box is placed in a second inner box holder, wherein subsequently the second inner box holder is pulled up alongside the inner box, and is subsequently placed with the inner box on a first inner box holder, such that the inner box extends substantially within the contours of the first inner box holder and that the second inner box holder protects the content of the inner box.

39. (New) Method according to claim 38, wherein at a suitable moment the inner box is filled with flowers.

40. (New) Method according to claim 38, wherein onto the thus formed assembly of an inner box and a first and second inner box holder a second thus formed assembly of an inner box and a first and a second inner box holder is placed.

41. (New) Use of a flower box assembly according to claim 1, wherein the inner box holder is used in an inverted position to hold the inner box, wherein the inner box holder can serve as an aid for carrying the inner box by hand.